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AIR FORCE WIFE PLEADS GUILTY TO SEXUAL ABUSE OF TWO MINORS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that the wife of a serviceman formerly stationed at Whiteman Air Force Base pleaded guilty in federal court today to sexually abusing two minors.

Hayley Kristine Turpin, 38, of Clinton, Mich., pleaded guilty before U.S. Magistrate Judge Robert E. Larsen this morning to the charges contained in a March 29, 2005, federal indictment. At the time of those offenses, Graves explained, **Turpin** was married to a serviceman stationed at Whiteman Air Force Base.

“We are pleased that the boys have been vindicated,” Graves said. “One of the victims, in particular, was subjected to a lot of derision from **Turpin’s** family and some of her friends, and other members of the community, including claims that the boy was lying about **Turpin’s** behavior with him. It has been borne out that the children were telling the truth and the adult was lying all along.”

By pleading guilty today, **Turpin** admitted that she performed fellatio on a 13-year-old boy between June 4 and Sept. 1, 2002, at her residence on Whiteman Air Force Base. **Turpin** also admitted that she performed fellatio on a 14-year-old boy between Sept. 19 and Dec. 20, 2002, at her residence on Whiteman Air Force Base.

Under federal statutes, **Turpin** could be subject to a sentence of up to 30 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$500,000 and an order of restitution for counseling received by the victims. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Katharine Fincham. It was investigated by the Air Force Office of Special Investigations, Whiteman Air Force Base, and the

Federal Bureau of Investigation.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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